

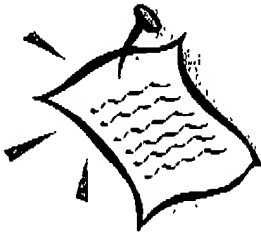
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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/425,694  
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Dear Examiner Brown:

Attached please find the Amendment In Response to Final Office Action,  
dated January 18, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application.

Sincerely,

*Edward R. Freedman*

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SERIAL NO.: 09/425,694

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FILED: OCTOBER 22, 1999

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE WET CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF  
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22,  
2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as  
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and claim 11, as follows. A Marked-Up  
Version of these amended claims is attached hereto.

Claim 1 (Four Times Amended):

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